

Christy Hughes
71 Glenwood Avenue
Queensbury, NY 12804

June 1, 2007

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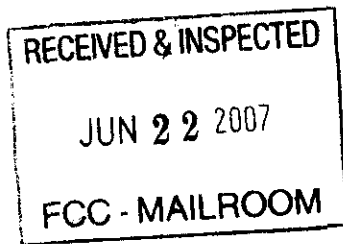
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Respectfully,

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Brooke Newell
19 Fulton Street
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Brooke Newell

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Greenwich, NY 12834

Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
PO Box 15477
Washington, DC 20077-0836

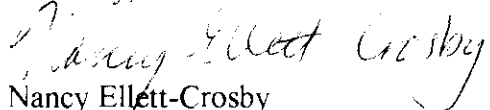
RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

Mr. Chairman; Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am writing ~~to~~ urge the FCC to establish a new Video Relay Service rate for at least three years. I am a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, working for our local BOCES. One of the schools where I teach is Schuylerville Elementary School. We have a VRS in the classroom of my 3rd grade deaf student. This is an essential communication device for her, as her mother and grandparents are hearing impaired as well. When my student needs to contact home, the VRS gives her an independent way of communicating with home. It also allows her to learn how to communicate with the hearing world using the VRS to phone system, through a sign language interpreter. This system has been a great asset, and without the rate structure that is in place, it would not have been possible or affordable to install in a public school like this.

I believe that cutting the VRS rate would severely impact the quality of VRS. I also believe that a long-term stable rate for VRS will benefit all deaf and hard of hearing consumers by insuring the survival of this essential communication tool.

Sincerely,


Nancy Ellett-Crosby
WSWHE BOCES Teacher of the Deaf
And Hard of Hearing

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RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

To: Chairman Martin;
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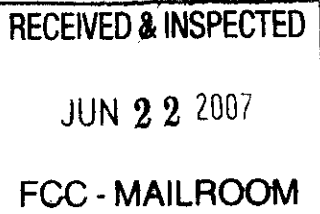
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Respectfully, VERONIA DOWD
Print Name

Email veronia@work.hr.c



RE: CG Docket No. 03-123
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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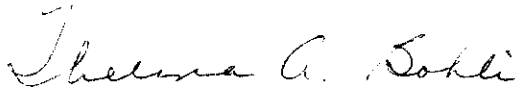
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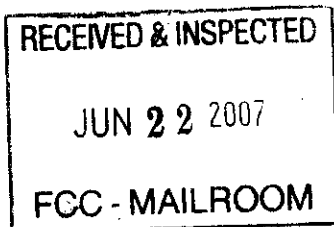
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Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

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To Whom It Concern,

I am deaf person and Video Relay Service Service (VRS) to communicate.

I didn't receive VRSCA CARD yet, or lost? Can you send me VRS Card again? or Tell FCC not to cut VRS programs.

I want support VRS Funds and programs.

Sincerely, *James Ray Lee*

My Name: James Ray Lee

E-Mail: jarale48@aol.com

7540 Donna Rd.

Westland, MI 48185-2496

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Print Name

Email SweetDeafMia@aol.com

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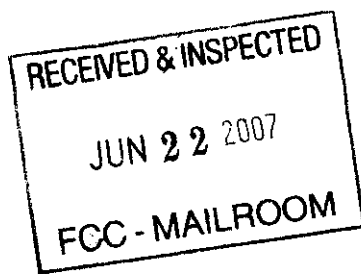
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I want to Add words for Explain to you
in FCC from me something. I dont
want to You or anyone who work There
Try Cut VRS Because of I'm Deaf.
What if Job placement call to Me Then
VRS for Ask interview Job. What if
important or emergency - need call Family
or Friends, if I need call Doctor for
make Appt how can I call? Please Keep
VRS, Family can call me thru VRS
for planning, emergency, & many things.
NOT fair for hearing people can call
the phone for communication What about
Deaf people? how Deaf people & I can
call without VRS (if they did cut VRS)?
Job? emergency? Family? doctor? Work
for Job & let them know if I got sick in the
future? Many things. I feel want to
Fair like equal hearing people can call
by phone as Deaf people can use VRS
communication for interpreter. Most Deaf
people & I do like use VRS like on TV
(Sorenson videophones) because of feel comfortable
sit down & straight of head & eye to VRS on
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explain All of you in FCC office from,
out of state (that where I come from) before
All of you think about it and make decide
because of I have good explain & point thing
about it

Thank
maria K.



Caspar J. Green
19 Fulton Street
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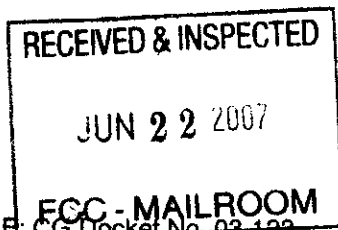
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Tyler Grabowsky
Print Name

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Print Name

Email Stargirlangel88@a

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